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"I like that story," whispered Jill, but Fun was on the move.

"We must be up and off," he said, "for we've all overstayed our time."

But Matter-of-Fact, instead of listening to the fairy's story, had been writing his questions. And here they are:

QUESTIONS FOR MAY.

1. To what tribes do the Parsnip, Carrot and Beetroot belong?
2. To what famous malefactor are the two former related?
3. What was the Turnip's first step on leaving his seed case?
4. What kind of food do roots take up from the soil?
5. What are the use of the little hairs which stand out from the fleshy root of the Turnip?
6. Why has the Turnip harder work than some roots?

The following new members have joined us this month,—Faith Venables and Clare Pelly.

Answers have been received from the following members, and marks awarded to them as follows:—

Div. I. Jessie Vickars (5), Joan Campion (6), Margaret Bulley (6), Susan Venables (4), Harry Ward (4), May Lewis (4), Winifred Grice (6), M. C. Ashwell (3), E. M. Ashwell (3), Faith Venables (6), Edith Fraser (4), Alexander Colles (5), Eileen Colles (5). *Div. II.* Phyllis Murray (6), Esmé Graham Watson (5), Maud Vickers (4), Edith Samuel (4), Rhoda Goddard (4), Clare Pelly (6), Liliass Summers (5), Cicely de Fréville (6), Georgina Smith (4), Vera Dawson (6), Dorothea Steinthal (6), Grace Lawrence Lawrence (5), Lettice Pumphrey (5), Meta Colles (5), Dorothy Senior (4), Iole Mac Donnell (5). *Div. III.* Marjorie Halford (5), Janet Brooke (6), Dorothy Mayall (6), Emily Vickers (4), Jack Vickers (4), Audrey de Fréville (6), Dorothy Yeo (6), Kathleen Sandbach (6), Hester Sandbach (6), Jessie Smith (4), Hubert Fraser (5), Esther McNeill (4), Cicely Forster (5), Kathleen Colles (6), Lorna Lawrence Lawrence (4), Daisy Armstrong (3).

P.N.E.U. NOTES.

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To whom Hon. Local Secs. are requested to send reports of all matters of interest connected with their branches, also 30 copies of any prospectuses or other papers they may print.

Chairman of Committee: Dr. A. T. Schofield. *Vice-Chairman:* Algernon C. P. Coote, Esq., M.A. *Hon. Org. Sec.:* Henry Perrin, Esq. *Secretary:* Miss Paterson. Pamphlets giving full particulars of the work of the Union, and the *Parents' Review* (6d. monthly), the organ of the Society, may be obtained from the Secretary, 28, Victoria Street, S.W., to whom all subscriptions and communications should be sent.

BELGRAVIA BRANCH.—*Sec.:* Miss Paterson, 28, Victoria Street, S.W. *Treasurer:* Mrs. Hallam Murray. On March 28th, a lecture was given by Miss Julia Wedgwood on "Maternal Self-sacrifice, True and False," the Lady Katherine Drummond in the chair. The next lecture will be given on May 21st, at 74, Eaton Square, on "The Parents' Part in the Religious Training of Boys," by the Rev. F. B. Westcott, Headmaster of Sherborne School. The postponed course of lectures on "Plant Life" will be given at the Natural History Museum (Botanical section), Cromwell Road, by Miss Shackleton, at 11.30 on Wednesdays, May 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. Fee for the course, 7s. 6d. Arrangements are being made for a course of six lessons in "Cardboard Slöyd," to be given by Miss Kefford, on Saturday afternoons from 2.45 to 4.45 p.m., at the Church of England High School in Graham Street (kindly lent for this purpose by Miss Wolseley Lewis). Fee for the course, 7s. 6d.

HYDE PARK AND BAYSWATER BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. E. L. Franklin, 9, Pembridge Gardens, W. *April 4th.* Mr. Howard Swan gave a most interesting demonstration lesson on "The Gouin System of Language Teaching," at 9, Lancaster Gate (by the kindness of Mrs. Stanley). It was followed by a lively discussion in which several ladies and gentlemen took part. *May 8th.* Mrs. Francis Steinthal will give a demonstration lesson on "Clay Modelling" at 18, Radnor Place (by the kindness of Lady Hogg). Miss Helen Webb, M.B., will occupy the chair, at 5 o'clock. Tea and Coffee, 4.30. *May 30th.* Prof. Armstrong, F.R.S., will give a lecture at 17, Pembridge Square (by the kindness of Dr. Gladstone, F.R.S.), on the "Scientific Teaching of Children," at 8.30. The following courses have been arranged, particulars of which can be had from Mrs. Franklin, Hon. Sec., who is at home at 9, Pembridge Gardens, on Thursday mornings:—Outdoor Natural History lessons to children, on Wednesdays and Saturdays; six lessons to adults by Mr. Howard Swan, on "The Gouin System," on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 11.30, commencing May 14th. Cricket for girls and boys under twelve has been arranged for Mondays and Thursdays, and for older girls on Mondays and Wednesdays.

HAMPSTEAD AND ST. JOHN'S WOOD BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. C. Herbert-Smith, The Retreat, North End.—On March 20th, a meeting was held at 6, Rosslyn Hill, by the kind permission of Mrs. Blyth.

Present 31. The chair was taken by C. E. Maurice, Esq. Miss Agnes Mason spoke on "How to give Religious Instruction." A good discussion followed. Dr. MacNaughton Jones' lecture on "Alcohol—its use and abuse" has been unavoidably postponed. In May we have the promise of a paper by Mrs. Steinthal.

WOODFORD AND WANSTEAD BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.*: Mrs. Pedley, Grove Cottage, Wanstead.—A meeting was held on March 22nd, at Dr. and Mrs. Roland Hill's house. Mr. Jackson was prevented by illness from giving his promised lecture, and Mrs. Spedding Curwen read a paper from the *Parents' Review* on "Needlework," which was freely discussed by the ladies present. The next meeting is to be in May, when Mrs. Steinthal has kindly promised to give a lecture on "Clay Modelling."

CLAPHAM BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.*: Miss E. Bloxam, 29, Northside, Clapham Common. A Reading Circle was held on Monday, April 1st, at 8 p.m., at 13, Cedars Road, by kind invitation of Mrs. Beveridge. Rev. H. Hughes, Vicar of S. Paul's, Clapham, in the chair. The third chapter of Miss Mason's "Home Education" was read and discussed.

DULWICH BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.*: Mrs. R. Gordon Milligan, 58, Herne Hill, S.E.—A most successful meeting was held at the Old College, on April 1st (A. H. Gilkes, Esq., M.A., Master of the College, in the chair), when addresses were given by Mrs. Franklin and Dr. Schofield, and a branch inaugurated. Canon Daniell also spoke.

HIGHGATE AND CROUCH END BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.*:

READING BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.*: Mr. William Salmon, 56, London Street.—A meeting was held at Watlington House (by the kind invitation of Miss Rundell) on Saturday, April 6th, when Mrs. J. Spencer Curwen gave an interesting lecture on "The Application of Educational Principles to Pianoforte Teaching." The chair was taken by Mr. J. C. B. Tirbutt, Mus. Bac. There was a good attendance of members and friends interested in music.

SOUTHDOWN BRANCH.—

Brighton Centre.—*Hon. Sec.*: Mrs. William Borrer, Pakyns Manor, Hurstpierpoint. On Friday, March 15th, Mr. Howard Swan gave an interesting lecture on M. Gouin's system of teaching languages, at Clydesdale House, Richmond Terrace, Brighton, by kind permission of Mrs. Welsford. Owing to the prevalence of Influenza in the neighbourhood, the meeting was not largely attended, but the audience was greatly interested, and it was decided to form a class for the teaching of French on M. Gouin's method, soon after Easter.

Eastbourne Centre.—*Hon. Sec.*: Mrs. G. F. Butt, Ingleside, Selwyn Road. On Saturday, 23rd March, a very interesting lecture was given by Mrs. Spencer Curwen, on "The Application of Educational Principles to Pianoforte Playing." The lecture was illustrated very admirably by the young pupils, and aroused much interest. Dr. Sangster presided. On Tuesday, 2nd April, Miss Agnes Mason gave an address on "How to give Religious Instruction to Children." The chair was taken by the Rev. Von E. Scott. Miss Helen Webb's lecture, announced for March, was postponed until May 10th. "A

Plea for the Teaching of Botany—a lecture to Mothers." In June, Dr. Downes has kindly promised a lecture on "Some Radical Defects of Modern Education." In July, George Howe, Esq. has kindly promised to give a lecture on "The Teaching of Natural Science in connection with Geography."

Hastings and S. Leonards Centre.—*Hon. Sec.*: Mrs. Edward Venables, S. Bernard's Lodge, London Road, S. Leonards. On Thursday, March 21st, at 33, Marina, by the kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Routh, a meeting was held, and an address given by the Rev. H. B. Ottley, Vicar of Eastbourne, on "The Religious Training of Children." Chairman, Rev. F. A. Hughes. On Monday, May 27th, at 5 p.m., at Caple-ne-Ferne, by the kind permission of Mrs. Tubbs, Dr. Oakley Higgins will lecture on "The Formation of Habit in Children." Chairman, the Rev. Canon Jones.

LEEDS BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.*: Mrs. Arthur Smithells, 4, St. Chad's Gardens, Far Headingley.

SOUTHPORT BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.*: Mrs. James Dixon, 8, Preston Road.

CARDIFF BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.*: Mrs. Greener, 1, Clare Street, Riverside.

SCARBOROUGH BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.*: Mrs. G. Rowntree, 14, Valley Bridge, Scarborough. March 13th, Fourth Drawing Room Meeting held by invitation of Mrs. Brown Mason. Subject of the afternoon was "Pond Life," given in an attractive address, by Miss Simpson of Leeds. About forty members present. March 28th, lecture before the Teacher's Guild and P.N.E.U., by F. Godfrey, Esq., M.B. Subject, "Food—in infancy, childhood and adolescence." The lecture was full of practical suggestions to Parents and Teachers. About 150 present, H. R. Otley, Esq., took the chair. This lecture ends the winter's work of the Union.

SHEFFIELD BRANCH.—*Hon. Secs.*: Mrs. Newton Coombe, Brocco Bank, and Miss Walmsley, the High School.

BROUGHTY FERRY BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.*: Mrs. Don, The Lodge, Broughty Ferry, N.B.

DUNFERMLINE BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.*: (pro tem.): Henry Beveridge, Esq., Pitreavie, Dunfermline, N.B.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.*: Miss Berry Hart, 29, Charlotte Square. Owing to the continued severe illness of the Hon. Sec., the work of this branch is unavoidably suspended for the present.

ABERDEEN BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.*: Mrs. Lawson, 43, Hamilton Place.—A meeting was held, by kind permission of Mrs. Mackenzie Booth, at 367, Union Street, on March 28th, when a most interesting paper was submitted by Mr. John Adams, M.A., rector of Free Church Training College. The subject was "Child Nature, and how to study it," and was treated in a most masterly, exhaustive and sympathetic manner. So much was the paper enjoyed that the hope was expressed that the paper would be available in printed form at some future date. The branch now numbers over sixty members. This was the last meeting of the present session, as it has been arranged to hold meetings here in the months between October and March inclusive.